



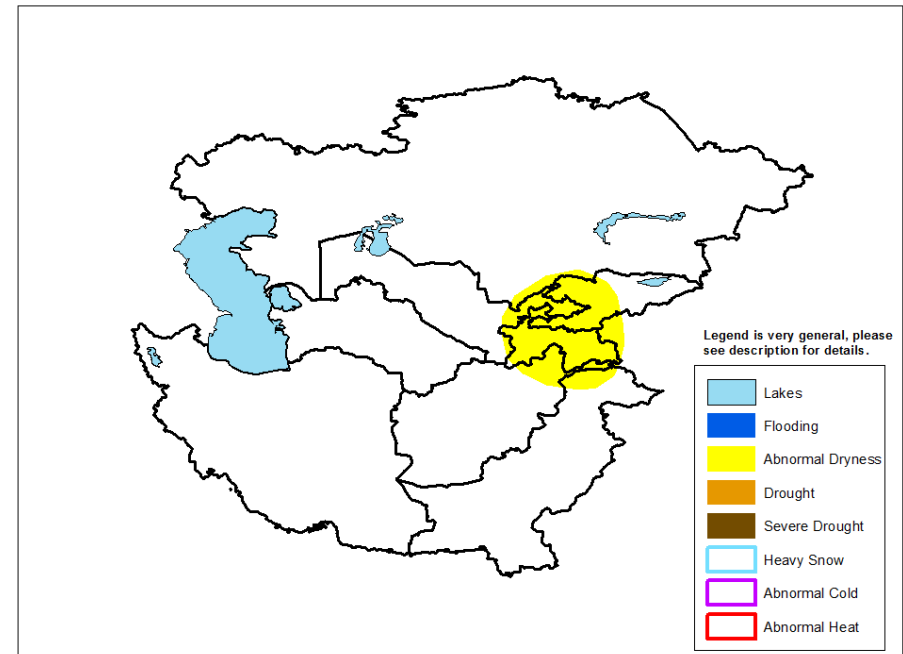
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook January 16 - 22, 2014

Temperatures:

Below-average temperatures persisted across Central Asia during early January with the largest negative temperature anomalies (6 to 11 degrees) occurring across south-central Kazakhstan. Minimum temperatures fell to -25 degrees C in this area. A warming trend is expected across the region with temperatures forecast to average above-normal during the next week.

Precipitation

The arctic temperatures resulted in mostly dry weather across Central Asia during the past week. According to the CPC-unified dataset, precipitation anomalies during the past 60 days exceed 50 mm across portions of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and northeast Afghanistan. Therefore, abnormal dryness is depicted on the hazards map for this part of Central Asia. During the next week, light precipitation (20 mm or less, liquid equivalent) is forecast to be limited to northwest Kazakhstan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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